

CHAPTER NO. 859

HOUSE BILL NO. 2916

**By Representatives Scroggs, Newton, Hargrove, Langster, McDonald, Davidson, Bone, Bowers, Hood, Bittle, Goins, McDaniel, Wood, David Davis, Hagood, Bunch, Black, Hassell, Beavers, Baird, Hargett, McCord, Buttry, Montgomery, Briley, McMillan, Sharp, Godsey, Todd, Odom, Maddox, Fitzhugh, Arriola and Mr. Speaker Naifeh**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2509**

**By Senators Herron, Burks, Blackburn, Williams**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, relative to victim's right to be informed of certain proceedings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 38, is amended by adding the following as a new appropriately designated section:

40-38-\_\_\_\_. (a) A victim of crime has the right to be informed of the following proceedings or occurrences by the appropriate agency at the earliest practicable opportunity:

- (1) Cancelled/rescheduled hearings;
- (2) Bail hearing for the defendant;
- (3) Dismissal of the defendant's case;
- (4) Pardon of the defendant;
- (5) Defendant's recapture;
- (6) Defendant's release from mental institution under §33-6-110 or §33-5-310; and
- (7) Defendant's transfer to a different correctional complex if such complex has a lower security designation.

(b) This section shall not be construed as limiting rights already in existence under Tennessee statute and shall be construed as working in conjunction with existing statutes.

(c) The victim has a duty to keep current information regarding such victim's location so that the appropriate agency may be able to contact such victim.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 22, 2000

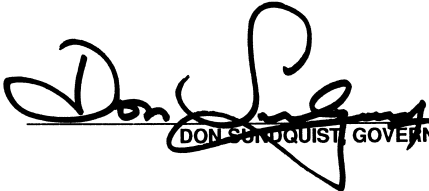


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2000



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